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### *Your Dollars Maintaining A Better Georgia* **Augusta Area Mowing and Litter Removal Begins** *New contracts signify upcoming statewide maintenance progress*



**TENNILLE** – Richmond and Columbia counties will see the introduction phase of a two-year \$13.4 million Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) east central (District 2) mowing and litter pickup contract on interstates and all state routes, beginning on Monday, March 21. This contract comes under new annual sustainable routine maintenance investment from the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015.

Lovin Contracting Company, Inc. won the low bid that will eventually mow, trim and remove litter and debris from over 3,000 center lane miles of interstates and state routes across the 27-county District 2 area. Mowing from milepost 194 to 201 on Interstate 20 and milepost zero to

15 on Interstate 520/Bobby Jones Expressway will be completed before the 2016 Masters Tournament. The contract crews will work during daylight hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and won't require any lane closures.

Along with mowing and trimming on the interstates and all state routes, Lovin Contracting Company will pick up, remove and dispose of all litter and debris within cut areas and paved shoulders.

Interstates will now be mowed up to four times during the mowing season, while other state routes will be mowed up to three times. In addition to removing litter during mowing cycles, there will be extra litter removal cycles throughout the year.

Timely litter pick-up and mowing cycles ensure that our roadways are clean, green and well maintained to attain the Department's goal of sustaining a safe, connected and environmentally sensitive transportation system.

Learn more about the TFA and projects near you from [www.GAroads.org](http://www.GAroads.org).

*Photo attached: The Georgia Department of Transportation will next week begin contracted maintenance work in the Augusta area on I-20 and I-520. The public can expect increased mowing and litter pickup on interstates and all state routes showing Transportation Funding Act of 2015 dollars at work.*

*In their 2015 legislative session, Georgia lawmakers addressed the state's critical transportation infrastructure needs with passage of House Bill 170, Georgia's transportation funding bill. The Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 is expected to generate an estimated \$870 million in the first fiscal year. This sustained annual revenue will be used to fund much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements. GDOT is planning now so that projects can advance quickly once funds are received starting in July 2016.*

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